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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 2152

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNRWA, SY

SUBJ: SARG REQUESTS US CONSIDER FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO UNWRA

1. ON JUNE 7 ADNAN DAQR, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS, SUMMONED CHARGE TO REQUEST THAT U.S. CONSIDER ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA IN ORDER TO FORESTALL IMMINENT CUT IN UNRWA SERVICES. HE POINTED OUT THAT PROBLEM OF ASSISTING REFUGEES WAS A HUMANITARIAN ONE AND WAS ALSO A WORLDWIDE RESPONSIBILITY, AS UN HAD RECOGNIZED. HE ADDED THAT SARG CONTRIBUTED IN MANY WAYS, BOTH DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY, TO ASSIST PALESTINIAN REFUGEES.

2. CHARGE REPLIED THAT U.S. HAD DEMONSTRATED ITS FIRM AND SYMPATHETIC SUPPORT FOR UNRWA FOR MANY YEARS AND HAD ALREADY MADE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION THIS YEAR TO HELP OVERCOME DEFICIT. IT WAS OUR FRANK VIEW THAT  
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OTHER MEMBERS OF WORLD COMMUNITY, AND PARTICULARLY

ARAB STATES WHOSE WEALTH PERMITTED THEM TO DO SO,  
SHOULD ALSO ASSIST IN RESOLVING THIS CRISIS. CHARGE  
UNDERTOOK TO REPORT SYRIAN INTEREST TO USG AND TO  
RETURN NEXT WEEK WITH FULLER INFORMATION ON U.S.  
ASSISTANCE TO UNRWA.

3. COMMENT: THIS EVIDENCE THAT SARG FINALLY  
BEGINNING TO REALIZE EXTENT OF UNWRA CRISIS IS  
ENCOURAGING, PARTICULARLY AS SYRIA'S POSITION  
TRADITIONALLY HAD BEEN THAT WESTERN STATES ALONE  
"WHO CREATED THE PROBLEM" SHOULD SUPPORT UNRWA.  
UNLESS OBJECTION PERCEIVED, PLAN SEE DAQR AGAIN  
NEXT WEEK TO BRIEF HIM MORE FULLY ON PAST AND CURRENT  
U.S. REGULAR AND SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA.  
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